

**Rochester Hills Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**July 9, 2024**

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Melinda Deel.

A quorum of the board was present including Bob Bonam, Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, Madge Lawson, Julianne Reyes, and Harper West.

Guests included Library Director Juliane Morian, and Oakland Township Library Board President, Michael Tyler. City of Rochester has appointed Lauren Coleman as the new library liaison but she was absent with prior notice given.

- II. After the call to order, Ms. West motioned to move agenda item VIII. b. ii. Presentation on the proposed Environmental Impact Policy higher in the agenda order to accommodate interested residents present. Motion failed for lack of a second.
- III. Public Comments
  - A. Jim Keifer, a resident of Oakland Township, commented on the topic of an Environmental Impact Policy.
  - B. Bruce Fealk, a resident of Rochester Hills, commented on the topic of an Environmental Impact Policy.
  - C. John Woodward, a resident of Rochester, commented on the topic of an Environmental Impact Policy.
  - D. Dee Ecarius, a resident of Rochester Hills, commented on the topic of an Environmental Impact Policy.
  - E. Bob Ramsey, a resident of Rochester Hills, commented on the topic of an Environmental Impact Policy.
  - F. Carole Zak, a resident of Rochester, commented on the topic of an Environmental Impact Policy.
  - G. Trevis Harrold, a resident of Rochester Hills, commented on the topic of an Environmental Impact Policy.
  - H. Patsy Ramsey, a resident of Rochester Hills, commented on the topic of an Environmental Impact Policy.
  - I. When Public Comments concluded, Ms. Deel asked Ms. Morian what environmental practices or discussions have already occurred at the library.
    1. Ms. Morian reviewed the number of recycling bins on both floors of the library and previous discussions about solar panels or geo-thermal heating and cooling systems.
- IV. Minutes

- A. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Kucher seconded, the board discussed the regular meeting minutes from June 11, 2024. Ms. West clarified that the date should read “June 11, 2024.” The board voted to unanimously approve the minutes as amended.
  
- V. Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed.
  
- VI. Monthly Bills
  - A. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Lawson seconded, the board unanimously approved paying the monthly bills for June 2024, which totaled \$375,290.65
  
- VII. Communications
  - A. The board reviewed and filed the communications with no significant discussion.
  
- VIII. Director’s Reports
  - A. The board reviewed and filed the director’s report, statistical report, and 2024 Mid-Year Strategic Plan Update with discussion on some topics.
  
- IX. Committee Reports
  - A. The Finance Committee reported that they met on June 19, 2024 for an in-depth review of the proposed 2025 RHPL Budget. Ms. Morian presented two versions of the proposed budget for 2025, one that assumes no change in revenue and one that projects a change in revenue if the millage is approved by Rochester Hills residents on August 6, 2024. Ms. Morian confirmed a public hearing on either budget is set for August 7, 2024.
  - B. The Policy Committee reported that they met on June 24, 2024 and reviewed three policies: MGT-10 Meeting Room Policy, MGT-14 Volunteer Policy, and MGT-19 Environmental Impact Policy but were only ready to present MGT-14 Volunteer Policy to the full board.
    - 1. MGT-14 Volunteer Policy was presented to the full board with small changes regarding the minimum age of volunteers and issues with unexcused absences.
      - a. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Mrs. Reyes seconded, the board unanimously approved a motion to adopt the changes presented in MGT-14 Volunteer Policy as part of the first reading (forgoing a second reading) without discussion.
    - 2. MGT-19 Environmental Impact Policy is a new policy suggested by Ms. West. Ms. West led the board through a slideshow presentation she prepared on why an environmental policy is needed, some questions and answers were provided and discussion ensued.
      - a. Ms. West made a motion that the board support, in general, the concept of an Environmental Impact Policy and support reconsideration of a proposed policy by the policy committee. Motion failed for lack of a second.
        - a. Ms. Deel stated that she did not want to approve the concept of a policy without reading an example policy first.

b. Ms. Lawson stated that she felt the motion was not needed because the Policy Committee is still working on the policy.

3. On a motion by Ms. Lawson, which Mrs. Kucher seconded, the board unanimously repealed CUS-2a Code of Conduct during COVID-19 Policy, with minor discussion noting that the COVID-19 health emergency has been downgraded by various local, state, and federal agencies.

X. Other Business

A. The board engaged in a discussion regarding the Hunstad Trust management. Mr. Bonam stated concerns with moving the funds to the Community Foundation since it has not (historically) performed well as an investment vehicle. The board opted not to make any changes to the financial management of the Hunstad Trust at this time. They directed Ms. Morian to request regular dividend checks from Vanguard in order to carry out the original intent of the trust.

XI. Board Comments

A. Ms. Lawson stated that she was pleased to learn that the Friends of RHPL do recognize their volunteers with small gifts for their volunteerism.  
B. Ms. Deel thanked Ms. Morian for all of her hard work on the millage.

XII. Questions and Comments from the Liaisons

A. None

XIII. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:54pm

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Anne Kucher, Secretary